

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows part of a plate cylinder 1 having a cut-out 2 which extends in its longitudinal direction and can be a channel-like milled-out section, in which a clamping device 3 is arranged. The clamping device 3 has a guide element 4 which is fastened in a bore 30. A plunger 5 is displaceably mounted in the guide element 4, the plunger 5 being pressed inwards by a compression spring 6 arranged on the guide element 4. A tensioning rail 17 is arranged on at least one plunger 5. At least one tensioning rail 17 is required per printing plate. A wiping element 7 is arranged on the guide element 4, in order to wipe off dirt adhering to the plunger 5. A holding element 9 is arranged on the tensioning rail 17 for clamping a leading plate end 8. The holding element 9 is, for example, a leaf spring. The holding element 9 configured as a leaf spring can also be replaced by an appropriate shaped surface on the tensioning rail 17. A holding element 11 is arranged on the tensioning rail 17 in order to accommodate a trailing plate end 10 (cf. Fig. 2). The plunger 5 has a roller element 12, which can run on a push rod 13. The push rod 13 is displaceably guided by means of roller elements or sliding elements 14, 15 in the forme cylinder 1 in a cut-out 31, which can be a channel-like milled-out section. Fig. 1 shows the insertion and clamping, which have already taken place, of the leading plate end 8. Here, the plunger 5 is in a position B. The tensioning rail 17 is situated in the clamping position in the position B. The push rod 13 has no influence on the plunger 5 in the position B (cf. Fig. 5), as the roller element 12 cannot run on the push rod 13 on account of the spacing. In position B, the plunger 5 and the tensioning

rail 17 are pressed inwards by means of the compression spring 6, and the leading plate end 8 is pressed by the holding element 9 against a contact surface 16 on the plate cylinder 1. Here, the leading plate end 8 can be configured with an angled-over edge 28 which is angled over at an acute angle. The contact surface 16 is designed to extend obliquely inwards in accordance with the angled-over edge 28 of the plate end 8, in order to produce as large a contact area as possible and to make a form-fitting and/or force-transmitting connection possible between the contact surface 16 and plate end 8. It is only necessary to clamp the plate end 8 by means of the holding element 9 in this way if the trailing plate end 10 is not yet fixed in position. It is thus possible to fasten the printing forme to the plate cylinder 1 reliably and accurately while a printing forme is being changed. The channel-shaped cut-out 31 is closed with a filler piece 19 in the region of the push rod 13. For this purpose, the filler piece 19 is closed with the cylinder body of the plate cylinder 1. The filler piece 19 is preferably screwed or welded to the cylinder body of the plate cylinder 1. The cut-out 2 is closed with a filler piece 20 in the region of the tensioning rail 17 in such a way that a tensioning channel 18 is formed which accommodates the plate ends 8, 10. In the region of the cylinder surface, the tensioning channel 18 is configured with a small gap which is preferably less than 3.5 millimetres wide, the tensioning channel 18 widening in the direction of the tensioning rail 17, in order to ensure that the holding elements 9, ~~[[10]]~~ 11, the tensioning rail 17 and the plunger 5 can move.